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REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

PLAINFIELD, N. H.,

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF

The Superintending School Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1877.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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{ L. S. } To the Inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall at Meriden in said Town, on the SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH NEXT, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Article 2d. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, and all other necessary Town Officers, for the year ensuing.

Article 3d. To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councillor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner.

Article 4th. To bring in your votes for Representative in Congress in District No 3.

Article 6th. To choose a Representative to represent said Town in the General Court, to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

Article 6th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay Bonds, interest on Bonds, and Notes, and to defray Town Expenses for the year ensuing.

Article 7th. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

Article 8th. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the Liquor Agent for the year ensuing.

Article 9th. To take the sense of the qualified voters whether the Alterations and Amendments of the Constitution, proposed by the Constitutional Convention shall be approved.

Article 10th. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Court in said Town.

Article 11th. To see what sum of Money the Town will appropriate for expenses of said Court.

Article 12th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Report of Town Officers.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-six.

FRED MOULTON, } Selectmen  
CARLOS D. COLBY, } of  
SIDNEY SANBORN, } Plainfield.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Resident valuation,                                 | \$503,903 00 |
| Non-resident do.,                                   | 35,689 00    |
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| Total,  | \$566,592 00 |
| Reduced valuation,                                  | 2,832 96     |
| Tax on \$100,                                       | 1 82         |
| State tax,  | \$1,716 00   |
| County tax,   | 1,617 20     |
| School tax,   | 1,501 50     |
| Town tax,   | 5,000 00     |
| Percentage,   | 477 26       |
|   | <hr/>        |
|   | \$10,311 96  |
| School-house tax, No. 16,                           | 45 00        |
| Non-resident highway tax,                           | 74 06        |
| Dog tax,  | 99 00        |
| Taxes on Collector's book, including State, County, |              |
| School, Town tax and percentage,                    | 10,311 96    |
| School-house tax, No. 16,                           | 45 00        |
| Non-resident highway tax,                           | 74 06        |
| Dog tax,  | 99 00        |
| Non-resident highway tax worked out,                | 71 18        |

### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Amount of Bonds outstanding,              | \$36,000 00 |
| Interest on same,                         | 360 00      |
| Amount due the several School Districts,  | 230 00      |
| O. C. Pierce, Collector 1874,             | 45 00       |
| Stephen D. Stone, Collector 1876,         | 110 00      |
| Fred Moulton, 1st Selectman,              | 94 50       |
| Carlos D. Colby, 2d    “                  | 81 34       |
| Sidney Sanborn, 3d    “                   | 70 00       |
| Josiah Davis, S. S. Committee, estimated, | 50 00       |
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|   | \$37,040 84 |

### ASSETS.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Due on W. H. H. Eaton, four notes,     | \$201 00 |
| C. W. Manchester, auction bill,        | 43 30    |
| from Elias Farnum on Wyman Stone note, | 126 01   |
| Elias Farnum, same received of         |          |
| George M. Smith,                       | 27 80    |
| County,                                | 66 63    |
| Orra C. Pierce Estate, Collector 1873, | 38 33    |
| Orra C. Pierce Estate, Collector 1874, | 654 22   |



|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Due from School District No. 8,   | 8 12                             |
| Samuel Davis, Collector 1871,   | 20 60                            |
| S. D. Stone, Collector 1875,  | 29 16                            |
| S. D. Stone, Collector 1876,  | 627 00                           |
| Due on State Bonds, and interest on same,                               | 6,161 00                         |
| Cash in Treasury,   | 1,097 50                         |
|   | <hr/>                            |
| Total liabilities brought forward,                                      | \$9,100 67                       |
| Total assets brought forward,   | 37,040 84                        |
|   | <hr/>                            |
| Balance reported March 1st, 1876,                                       | \$27,940 17                      |
| " " " " 1877,   | 29,355 31                        |
|   | <hr/>                            |
| Reduction of debt of town,  | \$1,415 14                       |
| There is due from land rents, omitted in<br>the assets to the amount of | 107 34                           |
|   | <hr/>                            |
| Which will make the reduction of debt of<br>the town,                   | \$1,522 48                       |
| Taxes abated to W. H. Pierce, Collector 1870,                           | 37 50                            |
| O. C. Pierce, Collector 1873,   | 49 89                            |
| O. C. Pierce, Collector 1874,   | 96 69                            |
| S. D. Stone, Collector 1875,  | 50 62                            |
|   | <hr/>                            |
| Reported as Assets March 1st, 1876,                                     | \$234 70                         |
| Abated to S. D. Stone, Collector 1876,                                  | 66 73                            |
| FRED MOULTON,   | } Selectmen<br>of<br>Plainfield. |
| CARLOS D. COLBY,  |                                  |
| SIDNEY SANBORN,   |                                  |

## PAUPER REPORT.

FRED MOULTON AND CARLOS D. COLBY,  
To town of Plainfield, Dr.

To money drawn by orders for support of paupers, \$1,738 15  
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By cash paid for support of County Paupers.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Elizabeth Wilmot,  | \$109 50 |
| Betsey Packard,    | 91 00    |
| Dennis Alexander,  | 43 66    |
| Dillis D. Strong,  | 66 35    |
| Alonzo J. Chapman, | 125 15   |
| Benjamin C. Stone, | 7 25     |
| Ira Kimball,       | 4 75     |
| Charles D. Banks,  | 7 82     |

|                               |        |          |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| By cash paid James Spaulding, | 5 05   |          |
| Polly Chamberlin,             | 95 90  |          |
| Mehitable Eaton,              | 78 00  |          |
| Caleb Sweet,                  | 95 51  |          |
| Mercer Jordan,                | 107 25 |          |
| Orville Barker,               | 38 50  |          |
| Charles E. Gray,              | 23 14  |          |
| Charles Picknell,             | 4 50   |          |
| Frank Chambers,               | 20 50  |          |
| Andrews Talbert,              | 40 20  |          |
| Daniel Sweet,                 | 1 50   |          |
| Clara Vadney,                 | 5 00   |          |
|                               |        | <hr/>    |
|                               |        | \$965 53 |

## TOWN PAUPERS.

|  |         |          |
|--|---------|----------|
| Paid support of P. Snow, including burial, | \$49 87 |          |
| Amy Stone,                                 | 60 00   |          |
| Eliza Jordan, including burial,            | 147 32  |          |
| Danforth Vinton,                           | 73 90   |          |
| George Smith,                              | 52 00   |          |
| William R. Jordan,                         | 9 07    |          |
| Lydia Fifield,                             | 91 00   |          |
| Anna Jordan, including burial,             | 199 79  |          |
| Darwin Jordan,                             | 28 92   |          |
| Chloe Jordan,                              | 52 25   |          |
| Transient paupers,                         | 8 50    |          |
|  |         | <hr/>    |
|  |         | \$772 62 |

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\$1,738 15

|                                     |          |       |
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| Paid for Town Paupers,              | \$772 62 |       |
| County Paupers, not allowed by Co., | 9 11     |       |
|                                     |          | <hr/> |
| Total cost of Paupers to town,      | \$781 73 |       |

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1875,          | \$1,442 21 |
| Rec'd of S. D. Stone, Collector, 1874,         | 4 58       |
| O. C. Pierce, " "                              | 30 00      |
| Selectmen, money from Philip Snow,             | 13 85      |
| Geo. W. Austin, land rent,                     | 5 00       |
| John A. Brocklebank,                           | 2 50       |
| S. D. Stone, Collector 1875,                   | 639 94     |
| S. D. Stone, school-house tax No. 7,           | 8 35       |
| S. D. Stone, non-resident highway tax 1875,    | 2 78       |
| C. S. Worthen, principal and interest on note, | 15 50      |



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|--|--------------------|
| Rec'd of George French, land rent,                                       | 23 32              |
| Selectmen, same, had of Dexter Cutts,                                    | 250 00             |
| S. D. Stone, same, him and A. Trow,                                      | 250 00             |
| County, Sept. term,  | 616 38             |
| John Gilkny, land rent,  | 8 00               |
| David S. Wheeler, land rent,   | 39 99              |
| State Bond Coupons,  | 366 00             |
| W. H. H. Eaton, interest on 4 notes, principal and interest on one note, | 63 80              |
| County, Jany. term, 1877,  | 287 89             |
| Savings Bank tax,  | 862 12             |
| Literary fund,   | 137 70             |
| John T. Duncan, land rent,   | 2 55               |
| Geo. W. Austin, land rent,   | 5 00               |
| Stephen D. Stone, Collector 1876,  | 9,663 23           |
| A. J. Chellis, land rent,  | 39 99              |
| S. D. Stone, non-resident highway tax 1876,                              | 2 88               |
| S. D. Stone, Collector as interest 1875,                                 | 12 35              |
| S. D. Stone, Collector as interest 1876,                                 | 10 00              |
| From Dog tax, and divided for schools,                                   | 40 00              |
| <b>Total receipts,</b>   | <b>\$14,845 91</b> |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

TO CHARLES F. GALLUP,

Dr.

Paid orders of Selectmen as follows :

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| No. 1. George J. French, services as Selectman 1875, | \$ 89 25 |
| 2. Willis K. Daniels, services as Selectman 1875,    | 106 00   |
| 3. Josiah Davis, services as S. S. Com. '75,         | 45 90    |
| 4. Charles F. Gallup, services as Treas. '75,        | 52 25    |
| 5. Stephen D. Stone, services as Collector '75,      | 100 00   |
| 6. Fred Moulton, services as Selectman '75,          | 125 50   |
| 7. Carlos D. Colby, support of paupers,              | 100 00   |
| 8. D. D. Freeman, support of watering trough '75,    | 3 00     |
| 9. Fred Moulton, support of paupers,                 | 100 00   |
| 10. Lemuel Morse, over tax 1875,                     | 9 70     |
| 11. Wm. M. Kendall, printing town reports,           | 30 00    |
| 12. Giles Hastings, labor highway & brek. roads,     | 16 48    |
| 13. Alfred P. Jenney, support of school No. 3,       | 12 00    |
| 14. Darius N. Moulton, sup. school No. 9,            | 32 25    |
| 15. John Lovrien, labor on highway,                  | 3 50     |
| 16. W. H. Richardson, blank books,                   | 7 50     |
| 17. Lemuel Morse, la. highway & brek. roads '75,     | 22 50    |
| 18. George W. Rowell, sup. of school No. 12,         | 13 25    |
| 19. Stephen D. Stone, la. on highway '75,            | 7 64     |

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|-----|--|----------|
| 20. | Fred Moulton, sup. of paupers,   | 200 00   |
| 21. | William C. True, serv. as Auditor,   | 4 00     |
| 22. | H. Sleeper, return of births and deaths,   | 11 50    |
| 23. | Chas. F. Gallup, payment of County tax,  | 1,617 20 |
| 24. | L. D. Spaulding, sup. school No. 1,  | 42 00    |
| 25. | L. D. Spaulding, sup. school No. 1,  | 30 00    |
| 26. | Hiram Philips, sup. school No. 5,  | 14 50    |
| 27. | Darwin C. Boydon, sup. school No. 8,   | 62 50    |
| 28. | Wm. B. Ward, sup. school No. 2,  | 33 00    |
| 29. | Alfred P. Jenney, sup. school No. 3,   | 49 00    |
| 30. | William C. True, expenses in opposing a<br>division of the town of Plainfield, as<br>chairman of Town Committee, | 300 00   |
| 31. | Frank K. Stickney, sup. of school No. 15,  | 26 00    |
| 32. | Joseph Bean, School house tax No. 16,  | 45 00    |
| 33. | C. C. Beckley, return births and deaths,   | 5 25     |
| 34. | Frank S. French, brek. roads and dam. to land,   | 5 00     |
| 35. | Hiram Philips, sup. school No. 5,  | 39 75    |
| 36. | D. G. Dustin, sup. school No. 13,  | 8 23     |
| 37. | George W. Smith, la. & lumb. highway '75,  | 6 84     |
| 38. | George W. Rowell, sup. school No. 12,  | 25 00    |
| 39. | E. H. Cobb, sup. school No. 14,  | 40 00    |
| 40. | D. N. Moulton, sup. school No. 9,  | 70 00    |
| 41. | Carlos D. Colby, sup. paupers,   | 50 00    |
| 42. | Fred Moulton, sup. paupers.  | 200 00   |
| 43. | L. F. Stone, painting and repairing hearse,  | 33 50    |
| 44. | Fred Moulton, sup. paupers,  | 100 00   |
| 45. | H. M. Day, damage to sleigh on highway,  | 3 00     |
| 46. | Elmer Jacobs, cloth for hearse lining and<br>repairing hearse harness,   | 8 62     |
| 47. | C. J. Bean, support school No. 16,   | 63 30    |
| 48. | Chas. H. Hill, support school No. 4,   | 56 00    |
| 49. | Sumner T. Pierce, labor, timber and plank for<br>Lyman Smith bridge & Westgate bridge,                           | 79 24    |
| 50. | John H. Calef, over tax,   | 1 82     |
| 51. | Darwin C. Boyden, support school No. 8,  | 10 00    |
| 52. | J. Allard, blasting, use of tools and fuse,  | 16 87    |
| 53. | W. H. Sisson, trimming hearse,   | 6 00     |
| 54. | O. C. Davis, timber and plank for highway,   | 48 29    |
| 55. | Moses Fifield, sup. watering trough 2 yrs.   | 6 00     |
| 56. | S. T. Pierce, plank for highway,   | 4 27     |
| 57. | D. N. Moulton, sup. of school No. 9,   | 50 00    |
| 58. | Dennison Hadley, plank for highway,  | 3 91     |
| 59. | E. H. Cobb, sup. of school No. 14,   | 37 50    |
| 60. | A. P. Jenney, sup. of school No. 3,  | 43 80    |
| 61. | Frank K. Stickney, sup. school No. 15,   | 61 50    |
| 62. | O. C. Davis, labor on Meriden Hill road,   | 30 07    |
| 63. | O. C. Davis, labor on highway,   | 10 03    |



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| 64.  | J. F. Raynsford, over tax on Stallion Bijou,             | 5 46     |
| 65.  | A. B. Chellis, plank and timber for highway,             | 7 36     |
| 66.  | W. F. Ladien, pass over land,                            | 5 00     |
| 67.  | A. J. Chellis, services as auditor 1875-76,              | 4 00     |
| 68.  | F. K. Stickney, labor and lumber on highway,             | 5 25     |
| 69.  | Z. B. Small, bridge plank 1875,                          | 1 93     |
| 70.  | Hiram Philips, labor and lumber on highway,              | 58 66    |
| 71.  | Hiram Philips, support of school No. 5,                  | 47 00    |
| 72.  | Willard Heyward, labor & lumber on highway,              | 59 44    |
| 73.  | E. Whittaker, plank on highway,                          | 6 00     |
| 74.  | D. N. Moulton, plank and timber on highway,              | 10 14    |
| 75.  | C. D. Colby, support of paupers,                         | 100 00   |
| 76.  | Charles H. Strong, support watering trough,              | 3 00     |
| 77.  | C. D. Colby, support of paupers                          | 28 68    |
| 78.  | Abigail Trow, principal and interest on note,            | 155 85   |
| 79.  | Geo. W. Rowell, support of school No. 12,                | 40 00    |
| 80.  | Chas. H. Hill, support of school No. 4,                  | 15 00    |
| 81.  | W. C. True, expenses in opposing division of<br>Town,    | 233 45   |
| 82.  | John W. Peterson, plank for highway,                     | 5 72     |
| 83.  | Benjamin Porter, support of school No. 7,                | 40 00    |
| 84.  | H. C. Farnum, " " " 10,                                  | 58 25    |
| 85.  | " " " " 10,  | 61 00    |
| 86.  | Geo. W. Austin, " " " 6,                                 | 17 00    |
| 87.  | D. N. Moulton, " " " 9,                                  | 140 00   |
| 88.  | Chas. F. Gallup, payment State tax,                      | 1,716 00 |
| 89.  | Stephen D. Stone, principal & int. on note               | 100 50   |
| 90.  | Fred Moulton, support of paupers,                        | 300 00   |
| 91.  | H. Morgan, labor and stone for stone bridge,             | 9 00     |
| 92.  | C. A. Cross, breaking roads in Spring of 1876,           | 13 20    |
| 93.  | E. H. Cobb, plank and labor on highway,                  | 2 64     |
| 94.  | S. D. Stone, taking depositions and<br>labor on highway, | 3 37     |
| 95.  | Jabez Porter, pass over land,                            | 5 00     |
| 96.  | Geo. W. Austin, support of school No. 6,                 | 37 00    |
| 97.  | Lewis S. Jordan, labor and lumber highway,               | 12 05    |
| 98.  | Erastus Lewin, pass over land,                           | 3 00     |
| 99.  | Chas. H. Hill, support of school No. 4,                  | 96 00    |
| 100. | Dexter Cutts, principal and int. on note,                | 256 87   |
| 101. | Chas. H. Williams, plank & la. on highway,               | 10 77    |
| 102. | D. G. Dustin, support of school No. 13,                  | 30 00    |
| 103. | Benjamin Porter, support school No. 7,                   | 60 00    |
| 104. | Charles H. Morse, sup. of watering trough,               | 1 50     |
| 105. | Benjamin Porter, labor on highway,                       | 3 00     |
| 106. | D. D. Freeman, support of watering trough,               | 3 00     |
| 107. | Frank P. Daniels plank and la. on highway,               | 27 79    |
| 108. | Chas. B. Dean, la. on highway & brek. roads,             | 17 77    |



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| 109.   | James and John Freeman, over tax,  | 1 82        |
| 110.   | R. T. Cross, labor & plank on Mountain road                                    | 32 05       |
| 111.   | Nathan Andrews, labor & plank on highway,                                      | 7 82        |
| 112.   | Chas. H. Hill, services Town Clerk & express,                                  | 55 00       |
| 113.   | Wm. B. Ward, support of school No. 2.  | 69 49       |
| 114.   | Chas. G. Newton, labor and breaking road,                                      | 12 25       |
| 115.   | Converse Cole, use of hall, wood & lights,                                     | 12 00       |
| 116.   | David Dean, repair of his road,  | 10 37       |
| 117.   | Samuel Bean, plank and labor on highway.                                       | 15 02       |
| 118.   | Fred Moulton, plank and labor on highway.                                      | 15 71       |
| 119.   | Fred Moulton, stationary, postage, blanks,<br>depositions and copy of records, | 6 33        |
| 120.   | Frank Baker plank for highway.   | 1 91        |
| 121.   | Elvira Spaulding, abatement tax by request,                                    | 6 60        |
| 122.   | Ezekiel Stone, support of watering trough,                                     | 1 82        |
| 123.   | Phillip Snow, abatement of tax by request,                                     | 10 58       |
| 124.   | Jonathan Philips, driving and care of hearse,                                  | 38 00       |
| 125.   | D. F. Jordan, lumber and labor on highway,                                     | 9 53        |
| 126.   | N. M. True, support of school No. 11,  | 99 58       |
| 127.   | D. C. Boyden, " " 8,   | 115 20      |
| 128.   | Willard Heyward, support watering trough,                                      | 1 00        |
| 129.   | Fred Moulton, support of paupers,  | 559 47      |
| 130.   | Chas. F. Gallup, services as Treasurer,  | 53 00       |
| Paid on Town Bonds drawn,                    |  | 2,100 00    |
| " " " Coupons,                               |  | 2,262 00    |
| Total amount Orders, Bonds and Coupons paid, |  | \$13,748 41 |
| Total amount of receipts brought forward,    |  | \$14,845 91 |
| " " Orders, Bonds and Coupons paid,          |  | \$13,748 41 |
| Balance in Treasury,                         |  | \$1,097 50  |
| CHARLES F. GALLUP, Treasurer.                |  |             |

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

WM. C. TRUE,  
DANIEL G. STICKNEY, } Auditors.

#### DOG REPORT.

|  |         |
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| Amount of dog fund in Treasurer, March, 14, 1876,    | \$22 00 |
| Amount collected on tax of 1875 since March 14, '76, | 18 00   |
| Amount of dog fund divided to the School Districts,  | 40 00   |
| • Dog tax assessed in 1876,                          | 99 00   |
| Amount collected,                                    | 56 00   |
| Not collected,                                       | 43 00   |

CARLOS D. COLBY, Selectman.

## DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

| District | Division,<br>1876. | Unpaid<br>1875. | Overdrawn<br>1875. | Total.   | Paid<br>1876. | Overdrawn<br>1876. | Now due. |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1        | \$ 86 23           | \$ 2 99         |                    | \$ 89 22 | \$ 72 00      |                    | \$ 17 22 |
| 2        | 102 46             | 03              |                    | 102 49   | 102 49        |                    |          |
| 3        | 196 90             | 40              |                    | 107 33   | 104 80        |                    | 2 53     |
| 4        | 196 84             | 6 65            |                    | 203 49   | 167 00        |                    | 36 49    |
| 5        | 102 14             |                 |                    | 102 14   | 101 25        |                    | 89       |
| 6        | 60 60              | 2 54            |                    | 63 14    | 54 00         |                    | 9 14     |
| 7        | 117 25             |                 | \$ .36             | 116 89   | 100 00        |                    | 16 89    |
| 8        | 152 98             | 26 60           |                    | 179 58   | 187 70        | \$8 12             |          |
| 9        | 415 18             |                 |                    | 315 18   | 292 25        |                    | 22 93    |
| 10       | 97 92              | 90 28           |                    | 188 20   | 119 25        |                    | 68 95    |
| 11       | 99 58              |                 |                    | 99 58    | 99 58         |                    |          |
| 12       | 74 42              | 4 76            |                    | 79 18    | 78 25         |                    | 93       |
| 13       | 41 98              | 8 23            |                    | 50 21    | 38 23         |                    | 11 98    |
| 14       | 68 63              | 34 80           |                    | 103 43   | 77 50         |                    | 25 93    |
| 15       | 73 92              | 21 51           |                    | 95 4     | 87 50         |                    | 7 93     |
| 16       | 63 61              | 8 08            |                    | 71 69    | 63 30         |                    | 8 39     |

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## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer. \$14,845 91

## PAID OUT.

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| State Tax,                         | \$1,716 00    |
| County Tax,                        | 1,617 20      |
| School money,                      | 1,745 10      |
| School house tax, No. 16,          | 45 00         |
| Support of paupers, County,        | 965 53        |
| Support of Paupers, Town,          | 772 62        |
| Repairing highways and bridges,    | 545 19        |
| Damage on roads,                   | 3 00          |
| Breaking roads Spring 1876,        | 40 68         |
| Water troughs,                     | 18 82         |
| Town officers, for year 1875,      | 581 90        |
| Miscellaneous,                     | 124 38        |
| On notes,                          | 513 22        |
| Opposing Division of town,         | 533 45        |
| Breaking roads winter 1876-7,      | 24 20         |
| Repairing hearse and driving same, | 88 12         |
| Town Treasurer 1876,               | 53 00         |
| On Town Bonds and Coupons,         | 4,362 00      |
| Total paid out,                    | \$13,748 41 • |
| Cash in Treasury,                  | 1,097 50      |

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## REPORT OF SUP. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, L. D. Spaulding. Length of schools, 24 weeks. The Summer term of 12 weeks was taught by Miss Emma E. Thrasher, of Claremont. This was her first attempt. The school was not quite as satisfactory as could be desired. No. scholars, 6; wages per month, \$14. Miss Carrie A. Williams, of Cornish, kept the Fall term of 12 weeks. This also was Miss W.'s first attempt, but she managed the school in a very commendable manner, showing a natural ability to teach. Good progress was made by the scholars in their studies. No. scholars, 9; wages per month, \$10.

### DISTRICT No. 2.

Wm. F. Ward, Com. Length of schools, 24 weeks. Both terms, Summer and Winter, were taught by Miss Mary E. Daniels, with good results. The closing examination of each term showed good progress in the studies pursued. In this school we find one of our best scholars. No. scholars, Summer term, 10; Winter, 11; wages per month, \$11, \$18.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

Alfred P. Jenney, Com. Length of schools, 18 weeks. Miss Emma Howe, of Newport, kept the Summer term of 10 weeks. Miss Howe possessed superior qualifications as a teacher, being active; and in her instruction and system, thorough, practical and efficient. On my first visit I was pleased with the management and appearance of the school, and predicted a profitable term, and was very much surprised to learn soon after this that the scholars were leaving the school. I visited several of the parents to ascertain the reason of their so doing, but was unable to find that the teacher had failed to do her duty, or that any blame rested on her. I felt in duty bound to support the teacher, and encouraged her to go on with the school, which she did faithfully; only two scholars

attending. I hold the district responsible for the unprofitableness of the school, as I have since learned Miss Howe was not the cause. The treatment she received was very unkind and decidedly wrong even if she failed to be perfect. Teachers have feelings you know! Wages per month, \$22. Winter term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Emma L. Chapman, an experienced teacher, one who has the power to inspire her pupils with the enthusiasm which is the first requisite to eminent success. Few teachers are found who have Miss C.'s skill in awakening thought and securing an understanding of the lessons on the part of their pupils. Good attendance was shown by the register, and commendable advancement in the studies for so short a time was made. The closing examination showed what could be done by an united action. No. scholars, 24; wages per month, \$24.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

Chas. H. Hill, Com. Length of schools, 22 weeks. Summer term of 10 weeks. Teacher, Miss Pauline S. Miller. Miss Miller is a good teacher and general satisfaction was given. The closing examination gave evidence of careful training. No. of scholars, 29; wages per month, \$22. Winter term, 12 weeks. Teacher, Miss Mary L. Chellis. The teacher had the advantage of a thorough acquaintance with the scholars, and the school was attended with good results. There was a marked improvement made in all the studies. Careful teaching and entire harmony were observed. No. scholars, 41; wages per month, \$32.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Hiram Phillips, Com. Length of schools, 24 weeks. Summer term, 9; Fall (private), 6; and Winter, 9 weeks. Teacher, Miss Lizzie S. Balch. We were much pleased with this school in all our visits. Teacher and scholars manifested that enthusiasm which ensures success, and which makes the school room attractive. The improvement in this school for the year excels any in town. No. scholars Summer and Winter terms, 17. Remarks by the teacher: "There was a private school in this district in the Fall. 10 scholars attended. There was but one mark of any kind except in case of sickness, and *no* whispering."

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

George Austin, Com. Length of schools, 18 weeks. Summer term of 8 weeks was kept by Miss Hattie B. Burr. This was her first attempt, and of course left room for improvement. She was faithful in her efforts to teach the scholars. No.



scholars, 15; wages per month, \$8. The Winter term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Eliza Whitaker, an experienced teacher, and faithfully devotes her time to the wants of her scholars. No. scholars, 12; wages, \$19.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Benj. F. Porter, Com. Length of schools, 23 weeks. Miss E. L. Whitaker, teacher. The fact that the teacher taught the Summer term last year indicates the estimate of her services, and the same ability was apparent as in her former efforts. No. scholars, 25; wages per month, \$11. The Winter term of 12 weeks was taught by Frank J. Wood, of Lebanon. Mr. Wood was well qualified and labored earnestly for the school. Some of the pupils made good progress. Among the prominent features of the term are 206 tardy and 334 absent marks. No. scholars, 24; wages, \$19 1-3.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Darwin C. Boyden, Com. Length of school, 32 weeks. Summer term of 12 weeks, Miss Ida M. Cole, teacher. This school was not distinguished for any great defect or surpassing excellence. No. scholars, 12; wages per month, \$20. Fall term of 8 weeks, Miss Lizzie Sanderson, teacher. The school was supported partly by private individuals. The success of the school reflects much credit on Miss S. as a teacher. No. scholars, 14; wages per month, \$8. Winter term of 12 weeks was taught by Mr. Orra C. Davis. If the scholars in this school have not learned as much as they might, it was not the fault of the parents. No district in town can show as clean a record of attendance. Only one instance of tardiness is reported during 32 weeks schooling, and of the winter term 14 scholars neither absent nor tardy. There was a class of large scholars, several teachers among them, which added to the interest of the school. The class in Geography, Colburn's Arithmetic and the Writing Books deserve especial mention. No. scholars, 23; wages per month, \$33 1-3.

#### DISTRICT No. 9.

Darius N. Moulton, Com. Five schools. The Higher Department, Summer term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Mary L. Chellis. The scholars could hardly fail of success under her care, and evidence was not wanting of very careful instruction. No. scholars, 22; wages per month, \$22. The Winter term of 10 weeks was judiciously placed under the care of Mr. Alva B. Chellis, a teacher of experience and judgment, giving perfect satisfaction. No. scholars, 23; wages per month, \$34. The Primary Department, Summer term of 6 weeks, Miss Mary E. Dow, teacher. Winter term of 10 weeks, Miss Ida

M. Cole, teacher. Both evidently labored to give satisfaction. From what I have seen of this school I am inclined to think it needs more experienced teachers than are usually employed. No. scholars, Summer term, 14, wages per month, \$12. Winter, scholars, 22; wages, \$22. Fall term, mixed school, taught by Miss Ella Moulton. The school continued 8 weeks and was quite successful for so many pupils, necessitating so many classes. No. scholars, 33; wages per month, \$23.

#### DISTRICT No. 10.

Henry C. Farnum, Com. Length of schools, 24 weeks. Miss Nellie M. Frost made her first attempt at teaching and spent 12 weeks profitably to herself, and we hope to the scholars. This school is too small to be interesting to the teacher or to awaken a lively interest in the scholars. No. scholars, 5; wages per month, \$19. Fall term of 12 weeks was taught by Miss Kate L. Read, giving evidence of her ability to govern and impart instruction by the improvement made in the studies pursued. No. scholars, 7; wages per month, \$19.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Nathaniel True, Com. One term school of 16 weeks. Teacher, Chas. Ward, of Charlestown. In visiting this school I found everything in good working order and moving along smoothly and quietly. The school is still in session and I expect to find commendable progress made. No. scholars, 6; wages per month, \$30.

#### DISTRICT No. 12.

George W. Rowell, Com. Length of schools, 19 weeks. Miss Emma A. Eaton teacher of Summer term of 9 weeks. I noticed excellent order and discipline, the exercises systematically conducted, and the scholars appeared to be making good progress. No. scholars, 10; wages per month, \$11. Winter term of 10 weeks was taught by Miss Mary A. Bean, who labored to faithfully discharge her duty to those under her care, creditably to herself and profitably to the scholars. No. of scholars, 14; wages per month, \$16. This district was favored in securing the services of two faithful teachers.

#### DISTRICT No. 13.

David G. Dustin, Com. Length of schools, 20 weeks. Miss Myra B. Austin, of Chelsea, Vt., teacher of the Summer term of 6 weeks. This was her first experience in teaching, and I consider her quite successful, but she was compelled to leave the school on account of sickness. No. scholars, 16; wages per month, \$18. The Winter term of 14 weeks was taught by Mrs. Josie P. White, of Enfield, an experienced teacher, who rather excelled in governing as well as teaching.



On visiting this school I found the teacher working hard for the best interest of her scholars. Failing to make a visit at the close of the school I cannot report the progress made. No. scholars, 20 ; wages per month, \$20.

#### DISTRICT NO. 14.

Edmund H. Cobb, Com. Length of schools, 21 weeks. Summer term of 11 weeks was taught by Miss Addie J. Hersey. The closing examination gave evidence that the teacher labored with a good degree of success. No. scholars, 10 ; wages per month, \$11.91. The Fall term of 10 weeks, Miss Julia A. Scales, teacher. Miss Scales, though a beginner, has many qualifications for a teacher, but failed to win the good will and respect of her pupils, so necessary to success. If there was any prejudice against this teacher from the outset it shows how apparently trifling causes may destroy the best success of a school. I admire the courage and perseverance of the teacher. No. scholars, 20 ; wages per month, \$14. This school, though backward, needs a firm, decided and experienced teacher.

#### DISTRICT No. 15.

Frank K. Stickney, Com. Length of schools, 18 weeks. Summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Hattie A. Hersey. No tardy or absent marks during the term. No. scholars, 5 ; wages per month, \$12. Miss Hersey has that natural ability to interest her scholars that few teachers can boast of. Winter term of 10 weeks was kept by Frank K. Stickney, with very good success. No. scholars, 8 ; wages per month, \$25.

#### DISTRICT No. 16.

Chauncy J. Bean, Com. One term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Julia A. Scales, performing her duties to the acceptance of all interested. No. scholars, 9 ; wages per month, \$19.

In presenting the foregoing statement of the condition of the schools it must not be supposed all has been said of their merits or demerits. As must be expected, teachers employed have shown varying abilities to teach, therefore their works are marked with various degrees or success. Far be it from our purpose to disparage the reputation of any teacher, yet we fully believe that no person should assume the office of a teacher without sufficient knowledge and careful preparation, nor even then without a natural ability and taste for the employment. Every teacher worthy the name should have the *cordial support* of all the district. Prudential Committees should be very careful whom they employ. The moral element of a teacher's character is quite as worthy as his intellectual qualifications. Parents, you have a work to do, a duty to scholars and teachers,

that committees are unable to perform. It is the practice of teachers to record all visitors who visit them, the scholars or the school, however young they may be or where from. Only citizens of the district are required to be recorded. I hope teachers will note the fact.

I have thought best to introduce Swinton's Elementary Geography in the schools, and had it recorded at the Town Clerk's office. I endeavored to give every district the advantage of the introductory and exchange prices, but only five districts availed themselves of the chance. The interest awakened in these schools in this branch speak well for the book. I hope parents will acquaint themselves with the law in regard to text books. Our schools cannot be in good working order until there is an uniformity in our books. It will lighten the burden of teacher, enhance the progress of the scholar more than any one improvement we can add to them. I am gratified to report that the schools have, as a whole, advanced in department and improvement from last year. The record of attendance is much better, and the teachers have generally been faithful servants. I would not forget the evident pains taken by the teachers and scholars in some of the schools, to beautify the school room with appropriate mottoes, pictures and evergreen wreaths, &c., indicating a desire to please the eye as well as the ear in their recitations, which such schools seldom fail to do. We hope this good work will be repeated every term.

No doubt there will be some who will look for the "Roll of Honor." There is some difficulty in making out this list, as there is not exact uniformity in method, and the Winter has been unfavorable to the strictest attendance, both on account of the weather and travel. Still some schools have a fine report. There has been during the year 320 weeks of school, 30 different teachers, giving the advantages of an education to 279 of our children; and does it not stand us in hand to ask ourselves, are we doing *all* that duty demands for the greatest good of our children? Our whole duty is not performed when we provide them with competent teachers and bid them go to school, but we are to know that they are in their allotted place every day, and show by our *occasional presence* that we have a personal interest in what interests them. Doing thus we shall stimulate both teacher and pupils to increased effort. Parents may do much if they will to elevate the character of our schools. Your Committee, in retiring, desires to express his obligations to teachers, scholars and citizens for the pleasant relations with them. Hoping his many short-comings may be overlooked, this report is respectfully submitted.

JOSIAH DAVIS, S. S. Committee.